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1. USSR DELEGATES (N. G. OSIPOV AND V.N.P. POLEJAIEV)
PLAYED VERY LOW KEY ROLE AT SUGAR NEGOTIATIONS. ASIDE
FROM LENGTHY OPENING STATEMENT DESCRIBING SOVIET PLANS
FOR MAJOR SUGAR BEET PRODUCTION EXPANSION OVER NEXT FEW
YEARS, INTERVENTIONS WERE LIMITED TO EXPRESSIONS OF DESIRE
FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT (ISA).

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2. SOVIET DELEGATE ANNOUNCED USSR COULD ACCEPT 1968 ISA
WITHOUT MUCH ALTERATION. THIS WAS ALMOST EXACTLY OPPOSITE
TO THE U.S. VIEW, WHICH FOUND THE 1968 ISA UNACCEPTABLE.

3. WHEN PRESSURED BY AUSTRALIA, BRAZIL, CANADA AND THE
U.S. FOR INFORMATION ON THE BILATERAL PREFERENTIAL TRADING
ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN COMECON COUNTRIES AND CUBA, THE DE-

FENSE OF THESE DISRUPTIVE TRADE PATTERNS WAS LEFT TO CUBA. ONLY WHEN THE U.S. PRESENTED AN ARTICLE DESIGNED TO LIMIT RE-EXPORTS BY IMPORTERS (AIMED AT THE USSR PRACTICE OF SELLING CUBAN PREFERENTIAL SUGAR ON THE FREE MARKET COVERED BY THE ISA) DID THE USSR DELEGATE MILDLY OBJECT. IN A CLOSING STATEMENT, HOWEVER, THE USSR DELEGATE SAID THE SOVIET UNION WOULD BE WILLING TO CUT ITS RE-EXPORTS TO 500,000 TONS FROM ITS EARLIER AUTHORIZATION OF ONE MILLION. MOST DELEGATES FELT 250,000 WOULD BE BETTER, BUT THE FIGHT WAS NEVER JOINED.

4. ALL DISCUSSIONS OVER PREFERENTIAL TRADE AND THE DISRUPTIONS SUCH TRADE CAUSES IN THE FREE MARKET COVERED BY THE ISA WERE LEFT TO CUBA. THE USSR DELEGATE REPORTEDLY TOLD SOME PARTICIPANTS THE ISA WAS A CUBAN AFFAIR, AND THE USSR COULD BASICALLY GO ALONG WITH WHATEVER SATISFIED THE CUBANS. VANCE

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